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KNIGHTS' KINGDOM



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JULY 8th - 16th

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**TWO
POSTERS
INSIDE!**

BRAVE KNIGHTS KEEP

Return to ye days of olde, when knights were brave and bolde. King Leo and his lionhearted Knights protect their kingdom from Cedric and the Bulls. Cedric and his bad Knights hide out in the mysterious Dark Forest. Cedric wants to capture the castle, steal its treasures, and take over the kingdom. His band of bandits is always building new weapons for attacking the castle.

King Leo

King Leo is a strong and clever ruler. So far, he has outsmarted Cedric the Bull in every battle. Legends say that his silver sword has magical powers. Every day, he rebuilds the castle and adds new traps.



Queen Leonora

The queen helps rule the kingdom with King Leo. Queen Leonora is one of the best horse riders in the kingdom. She races against the knights and has taught the princess to ride.



Richard the Strong

Richard the Strong is an expert archer and swordsman. He teaches Princess Storm his sword fighting tricks.



Princess Storm

This courageous Princess loves adventure and wants to be a knight. She practices sword fighting and jousting with the knights.



John of Mayne

John of Mayne is the King's youngest knight. John's job is to guard the castle's treasure.



Cedric the Bull

Cedric was once one of King Leo's best knights, but now Cedric wants to be king of the kingdom. The people of the kingdom call him "Cedric the Bully," but never to his face.



Weezil

Weezil is an expert at finding trails in the Dark Woods. His traps are so sneaky that even Cedric found himself hanging upside down in one of Weezil's tricky tree snares.



Gilbert the Bad

Gilbert the Bad is Cedric's weapons expert. This master mechanic builds all the contraptions that Cedric uses in his attacks.

THE KINGDOM SAFE!

New!

KNIGHTS' KINGDOM



Falling axes give the guard an extra edge!

Prison gate opens.

THE PRISON IS A GOOD PLACE FOR A BAD KNIGHT!

TWO BOWS ARE ALWAYS BETTER THAN ONE.

Extra axes protect the king's treasure.

CHECK OUT MY CASTLE ON PAGES 10-11.

6094 Guarded Treasury

It's good knight vs. bad knight when a bad Bull tries to steal the king's magical sword. If anyone gets past the falling axes, he still has to cross swords with the king's guard.

4811 Defense Archer

Attackers will think twice about attacking a castle protected by this awesome archer.

Cedric the Bull

John of Mayne

6095 Royal Joust

It's Cedric the Bull versus John of Mayne! Only the bravest knights will charge each other on horses galloping at 60 mph. The charging knights aim their lances at the targets. The targets turn the axes, and if a knight doesn't duck fast, he gets knocked off his horse. King Leo watches the joust with one eye and keeps his other eye on his treasure.



MOVE IT OR
LOSE IT!

4806 Axe Cart

With axes and arrows, this cart is armed and dangerous. The cart can clear a path through the woods, roll to a castle, and attack.

YOU'RE NOT SO
"STRONG" NOW
RICHARD...

Weezil

THERE'S
STRENGTH IN
NUMBERS MY FRIEND
...JUST WAIT

Rebuild battering
ram in different
gate-crashing
designs.

6032 Catapult Crusher

Look out below! Gilbert the Bad's crushing catapult can throw rocks over tall castle towers and walls.

Cedric
the
Bull

Gilbert
the
Bad

Cannon can fire missiles
from long distance.

6096 Bulls Attack

Cedric's band of bandits uses the most high-tech weapons of the Middle Ages. They have two rock-launching catapults and a wall-blasting cannon. Their big, bad battering ram can knock down castle gates.

CASTLES OF OLDE!

Feature Story

Once upon a time, many people lived in castles like King Leo's. In 500 years, more than 15,000 castles were built in Europe, and many are still around today.

The first castles were made of wood with a wooden fence surrounding the castle. Then a ditch was dug around the fence and filled with water. This was called a moat. An armored knight definitely didn't want to fall in the moat. Some moats were used as a castle's sewer!

Kings often put their castles on hills where it would be hard for enemies to attack them. Attackers used catapults to fire heavy rocks to crash the wooden walls. Then castle builders started using stones to build 6-16 foot thick walls!

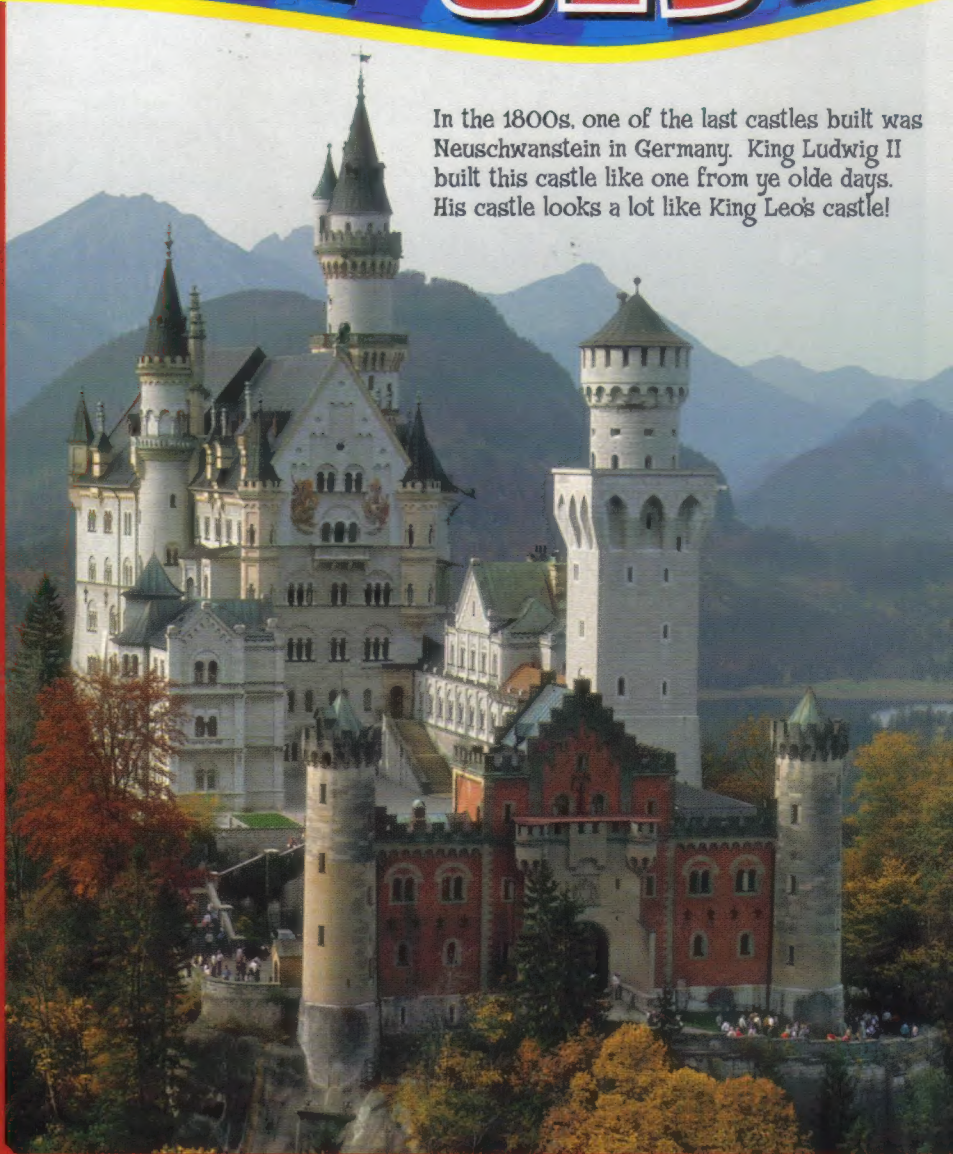
#6091 King Leo's castle



Most castle building was done by hand. Masons shaped stones and built the walls. A man inside a treadmill powered a crane by running inside the wheel like a gerbil. The wheel turned a pulley that lifted the stone.

You can have fun creating your own castles. Then defend them against Cedric the Bull's cannons and catapults!

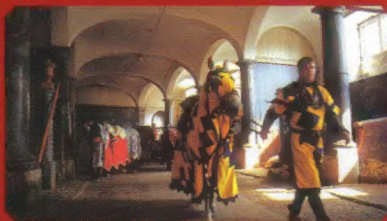
Factoid - It could take 10-20 years to build a castle.



In the 1800s, one of the last castles built was Neuschwanstein in Germany. King Ludwig II built this castle like one from ye olde days. His castle looks a lot like King Leo's castle!

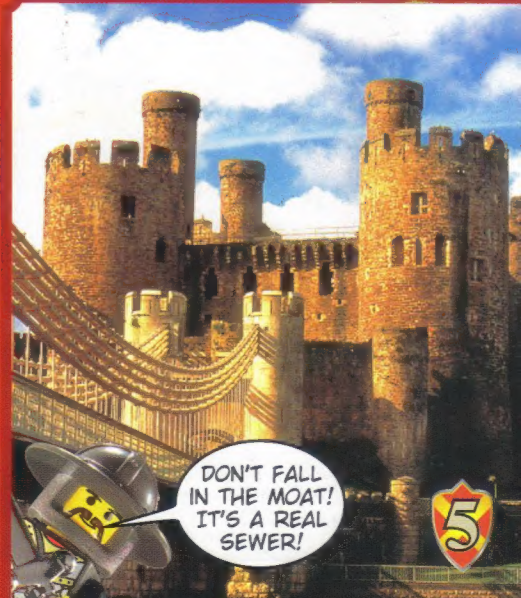
An average castle would need about 30 blacksmiths, 400 masons, and 2,000 other workers!

Factoid - In the king's



private room, a trapdoor led to the basement,

where he could hide his treasure.



DON'T FALL IN THE MOAT! IT'S A REAL SEWER!

the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac



WHILE BUILDING HIS NEW LEGO CASTLE, THE LEGO MANIAC IS SUDDENLY PULLED BACK IN TIME, TO A LAND RULED BY KING LEO.

HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING?



I'M NOT A WIZARD. AND WATCH WHERE YOU'RE POINTING THAT SWORD!

LOOK AT HIS STRANGE CLOTHES.

HE MUST BE A WIZARD.

RAISE THE GATE! COME, WIZARD. MY FATHER, THE KING, SHALL DECIDE YOUR FATE.

WHILE OUT RIDING, PRINCESS STORM SEES THE MANIAC AND TAKES HIM TO KING LEO.



HE MUST BE A SPY, KING LEO. LOOK AT HIS STRANGE CLOTHES.

HEY! AT LEAST I DON'T NEED A CAN OPENER TO GET DRESSED.

SILENCE! PUT THE SPY IN THE DUNGEON.



I JUST HOPE I GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I LOOK LIKE YOU.

FAT CHANCE, DUDE!



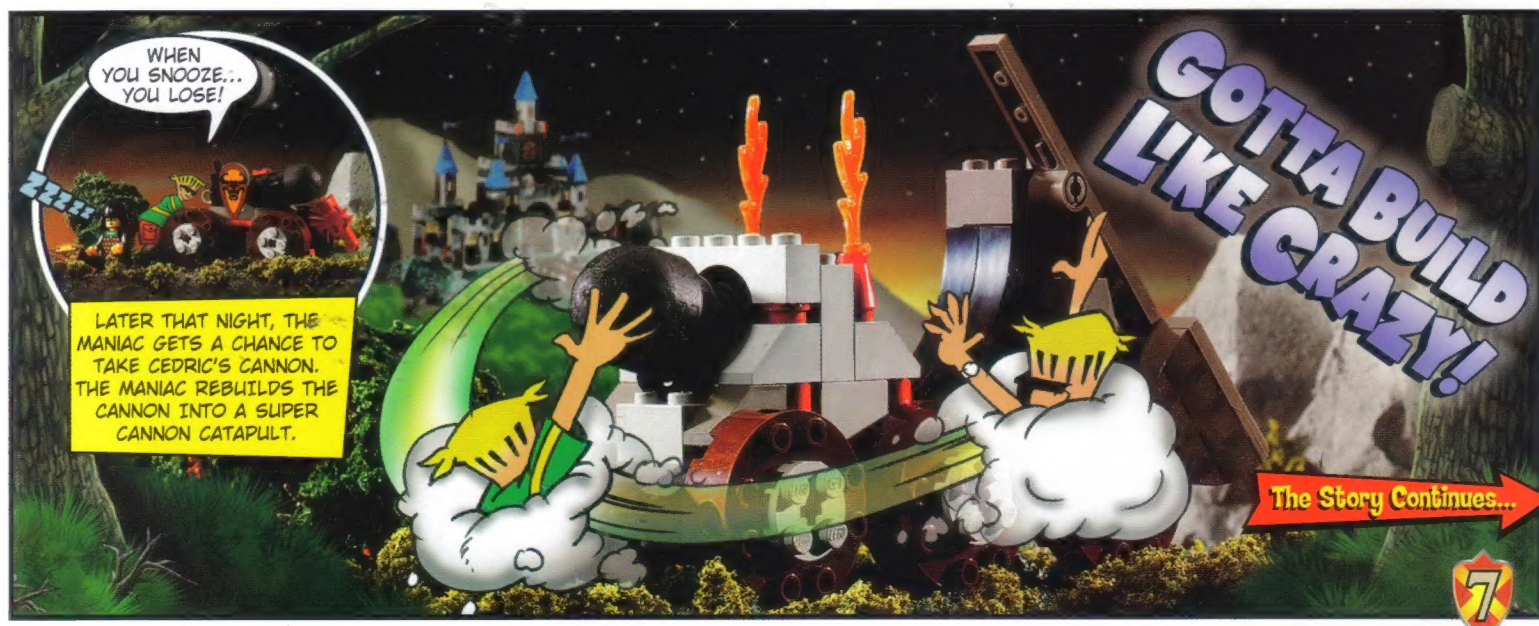
LOOK, SIR SNOOZ-A-LOT IS GUARDING THE CASTLE.

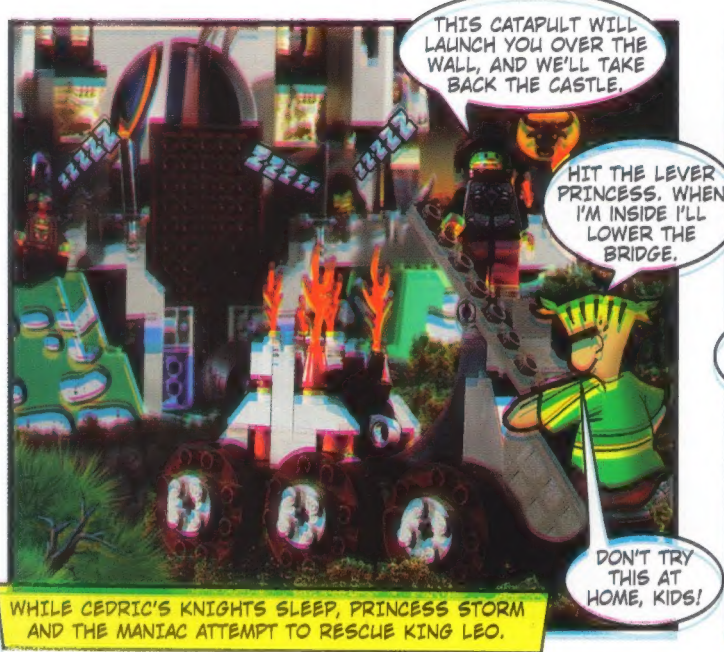
SHHH! YOU'LL WAKE HIM.

LATER THAT EVENING, CEDRIC THE BULL AND HIS KNIGHTS STORM KING LEO'S CASTLE.

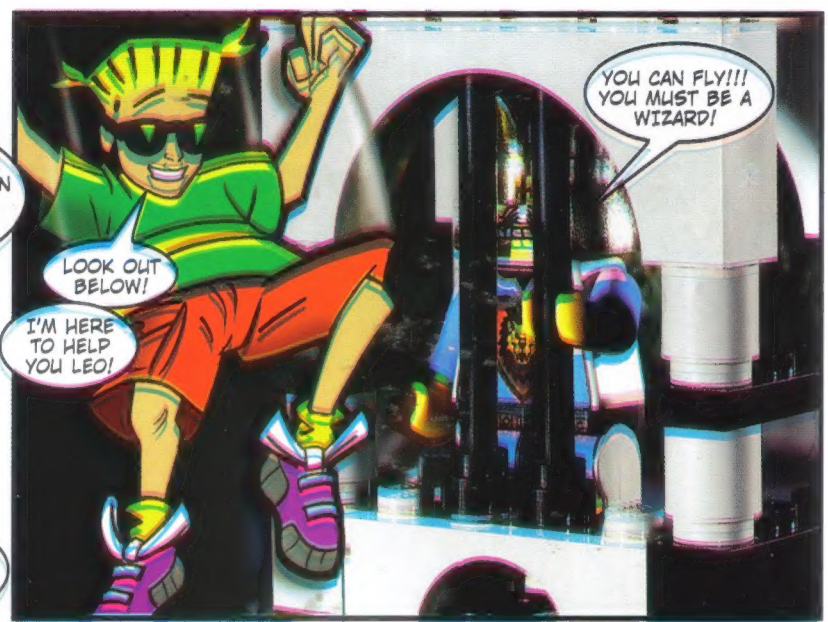


PRINCESS STORM RELEASES THE MANIAC, SO THAT HE CAN HELP SAVE KING LEO.





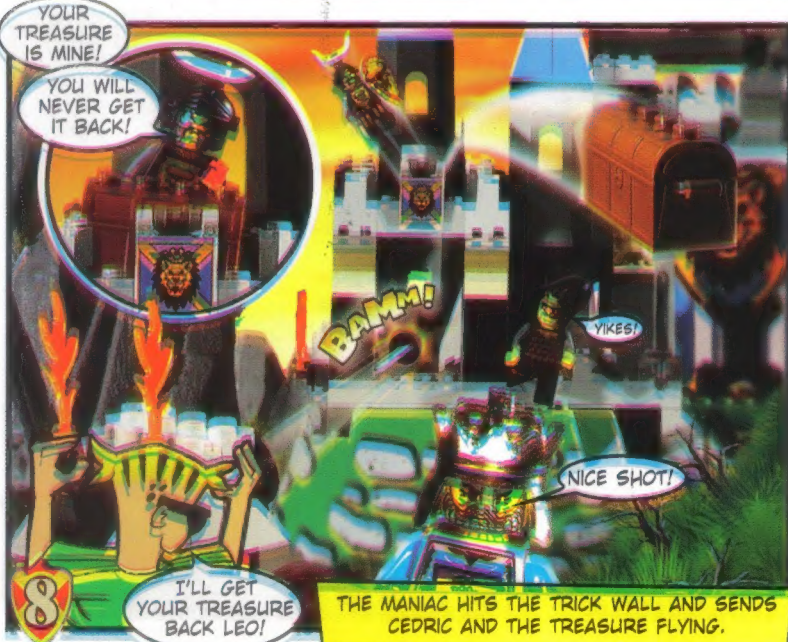
WHILE CEDRIC'S KNIGHTS SLEEP, PRINCESS STORM AND THE MANIAC ATTEMPT TO RESCUE KING LEO.



AFTER RESCUING KING LEO, THE MANIAC LOWERS THE DRAW BRIDGE FOR THE KNIGHTS.



THE GOOD KNIGHTS DRIVE CEDRIC'S KNIGHTS FROM THE CASTLE.



THE MANIAC HITS THE TRICK WALL AND SENDS CEDRIC AND THE TREASURE FLYING.



THE END

BATTLE OF THE BIG BOTS

BLASTER VS MILLENIA

Blaster and Millenia square off in the battle of the century, to see who is the most powerful Throwbot in the universe!



With his mighty foot, Millenia lays the stomp down on Blaster!



But Blaster hits Millenia with a double whammy! Blaster blasts back with two disks.



Millenia has one last trick up his sleeve. He quickly transforms into a supercycle. Who will win the battle of the century? Only you can decide!

ALERT: Watch out for the next generation... **ROBORIDERS!**
Visit: www.lego.com/roboriders

6091 KING LEO'S CASTLE



IAN POROPAT AGE 12 OFF FLORIDA

"King Leo's castle is as fun to play with as it is to build. And it looks a lot like a real castle. It has a stained glass window that revolves and cool-looking lion heads. There are lots of moving parts like dropping axes, turning walls, and a hidden catapult.

The best part is the cool cannon. You can use it as a battering ram to knock in the drawbridge. And when you fire it at one tower, it flips a treasure chest in the air. My favorite character is King Leo. With his gold crown and silver sword, he's the coolest."

Tricky tower sends treasure flying!



Stained glass window spins for a quick get-away!

Lower the gate and raise the drawbridge to keep out unwanted visitors!

THIS NEW CANNON IS A REAL BLAST!

COOL IT OR YOU'LL BE A HUMAN CANNONBALL!

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FREE
Bonus
"Pull out"
Poster

Surprise
Cedric's Bulls
with an extra
catapult!

Spooky
skeleton guards
treasure!

THE
CASTLE WILL
BE MINE!



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HAS ANYONE SEEN R2-D2?

Send a photo of your model to:
MANIAC Madness
LEGO Club
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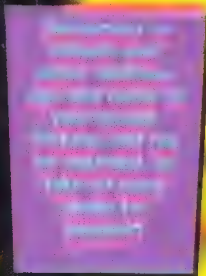
"The Pinta, Nina and Santa Maria"

Nicholas, Andrew, and Matthew Pezzente, ages 10, 8 and 3 of Connecticut



"Inside the Castle"

Kristin Glastad, age 7 of Texas



"MPD-1 Multi-Purpose Droid"

Jeff Hayden, age 11 of Michigan



"Super Dozer"

David Lawrence, age 10 of Michigan



LEGO FUN
IS OUT OF
THIS
WORLD!

IF YOU ONLY KNEW
THE POWER OF LEGO!



"Ship of the Millennium"

Sam and Grace Peterson
Ages 8 and 6 of Iowa



THAT'S A 10-4 GOOD BUDDY...
I'M ON THE WAY!

"Crane Truck"
Aaron Libon, age 12
of New York

**"Combine with Grain
Trailer"**

Tyler Hoover, age 10
of Pennsylvania

**"SMT-Subterranean
Mineral Probe"**

Aidan Brougham-Cook, age 5
of South Carolina

GOOD BOY
SKEETER!

**"The First
Dalmation"**

Marcus Silva,
age 10 of
North Carolina

"Soccer Stadium"
John Rios, of Florida

Check your new Soccer
poster and page 15
for information on
this year's LEGO
building contest.

RUFF!
RUFF!

**"Star Wars
Creations"**
Matt Ehler,
age 15 of Utah

CONTEST WINNERS!

Learning Express

Congratulations to Robert Kewich, 12, of
the "Bright Young Best Intelligence
Series" Contest at Learning Express.

OKN

Congratulations to Amy
Smith of Team "Lovers of
the LEGO Brick Builders"
for their Sweepstakes win
OKN New England.

**Name Game Claim
Your Prize!**

Miguel Felix Cruz, California
Jacob Bryant, Kentucky
Frank Pickle, Connecticut
Austin Curran, California
Jared Hagan, Colorado
Chris Garg, Utah
Joseph Wolf Jensen, California
Nick Vaughan, Maine
Stephen Smith, Alabama
Tyler Ruff, Missouri



YOU CAN BUILD THIS..



SPACE SPEEDER

Your original model could be featured in
LEGO Ninja Magazine.

Send a photo of your model for
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"You Can Build This..."

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Club members featured
will receive a free LEGO
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(up to \$950 value).

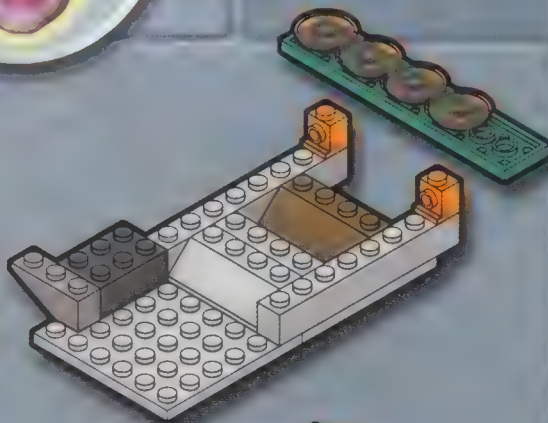


Club Member, Daniel Kirby
age 11 of California,
inspired our model
designers to build the
Space Speeder.

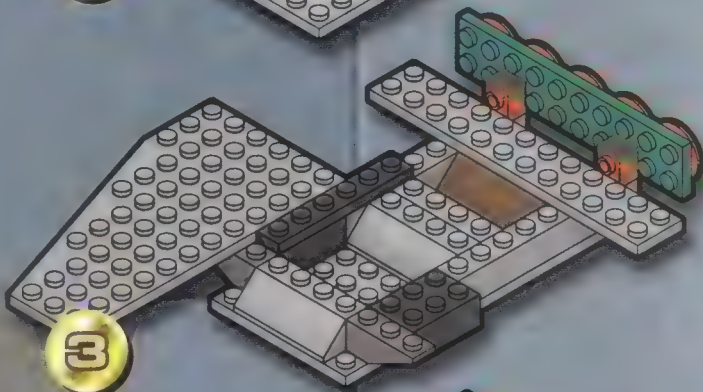
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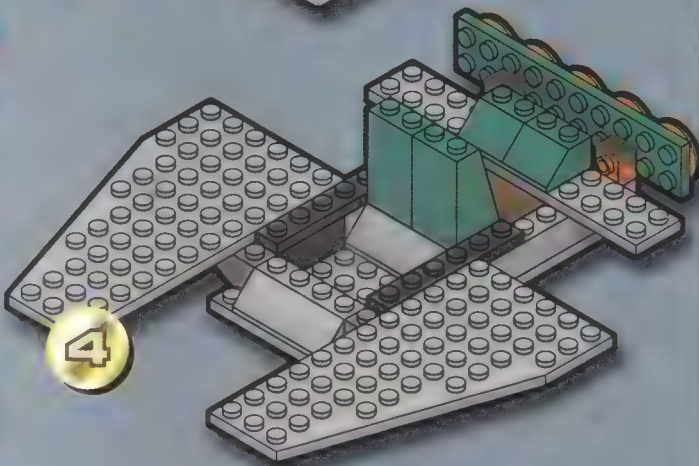
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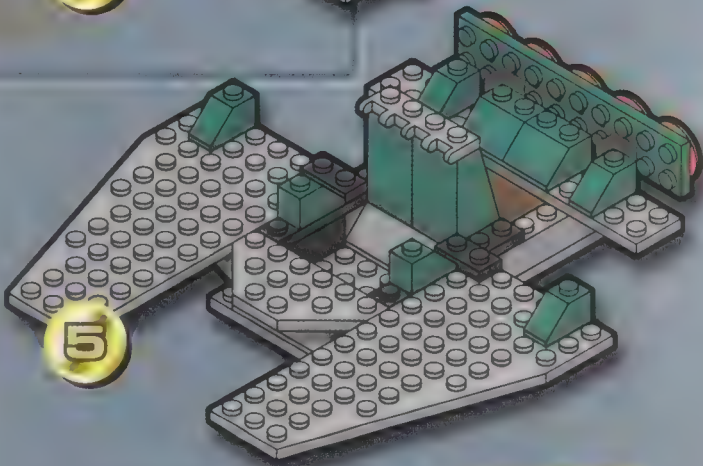
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Use pieces from your own
LEGO collection or you can
find all the pieces you need to
build the Space Speeder in
#7744 Slave 1.



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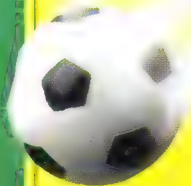




Enter the Search for the Best LEGO Soccer Builder Contest!

Bring your LEGO® Soccer themed creation to the LEGO/MLS® Soccer Experience truck tour. See the LEGO Soccer poster for game dates and locations or, use the entry form below to mail in a photograph of your LEGO Soccer creation.

You could win a trip to the 2001 MLS All-Star Game! And \$1,000 worth of LEGO sets!



Here's how to enter:

Design & build your own LEGO Soccer creation. Take a picture of it and mail it along with your name, address, city, state, zip code, date of birth, and home phone # on the Contest Entry Form below or a 3x5 card by 9/1/00 to:

LEGO® Soccer Builder Contest
P.O. Box 5119
Blair, NE 68009-5119.

GET READY FOR THE CHALLENGE!



WHO CAN ENTER:
Open to U.S. residents ages 5-12, as of date of entry.

TWO WAYS TO ENTER:

- 1. In Person:** Build a model using only pieces from LEGO® products demonstrating your original idea of the best LEGO Soccer creation. Visit the official LEGO Web site (www.lego.com/soccer) or see your local paper for when the LEGO/MLS® Soccer Experience truck show is visiting a MLS game in your area. Bring your LEGO Soccer creation from home to the truck at the MLS game. Fill out an official entry form available on site. A photograph of your model will be taken, which will become the property of LEGO Systems, Inc. All models will be returned to entrant. Entrant must be present during semi-finalist winner announcement.
- 2. By Mail:** Build a model using only pieces from LEGO® products demonstrating your original idea of the best LEGO Soccer creation. Take a color photo of your model (no larger than 8" x 10," no slides/transparencies accepted). Complete an Official "Best LEGO Soccer Builder" Entry Form available at www.lego.com/soccer, or on paper no larger than 8 1/2" by 11". Print/type your name, address, phone number, birth date, and name of your model (maximum five words). Mail in the photograph and Official Entry Form to LEGO Soccer Contest, P.O. Box 5119, Blair, NE 68009-5119. Entries must be mailed separately and received between 6/1/00 and 9/1/00. Entries become property of LEGO Systems, Inc. and will not be returned.

JUDGING: One semi-finalist will be selected at each of the 12 LEGO/MLS Soccer Experience truck show game day visits (semi-finalist will be announced on site), as well as one semi-finalist at the LEGOLAND® California truck show stop. One semi-finalist will be selected from mail-in entries. Of the 14 semi-finalists, a panel of judges will select four finalists to compete for the Grand Prize in the "Best LEGO Soccer Builder" Championship on October 15 in Washington, DC.

PRIZES: The **Grand Prize** is a family trip (maximum four people) to the 2001 MLS All-Star game, as well as the honor of kicking out the game ball. The winner also receives \$500 and \$1,000.00 (retail value) of LEGO product (\$6,000.00 total value). **Four Finalists** receive a family trip (maximum of four people) to the MLS Cup in Washington, DC to compete in the "Best LEGO Soccer Builder" Championship on October 15, \$200 and a LEGO/MLS prize pack (\$5,000.00 value each). All **14 Semi-Finalists** receive the title of "Best LEGO Soccer Builder" in that city, as well as the entire 2000 LEGO Soccer product assortment (\$140.00 value each).

GENERAL: Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc., Major League Soccer, their affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising/promotion agencies/the immediate families/ those living in same household of each are not eligible. Void where prohibited. Contest runs through 9/1/00. For full rules, by which entrants are bound, send a SASE to LEGO Soccer Builder Rules, P.O. Box 4260, Blair, NE 68009-4260.



The Search for the Best LEGO Soccer Builder Contest Entry Form

Please Print

Name _____

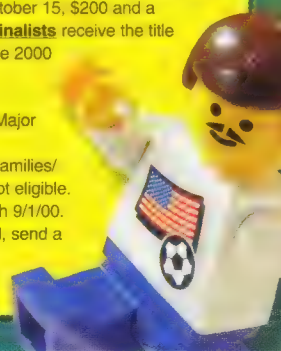
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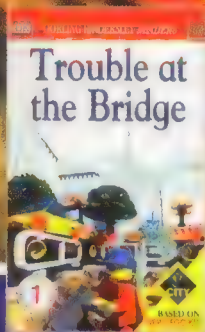
Name of Model _____



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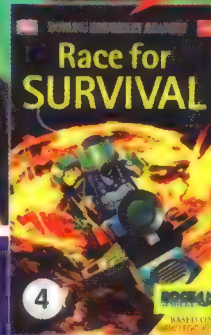
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So what is the FLL? In the FIRST LEGO League, teams of kids design, build, and program their own LEGO MINDSTORMS robots. Then the robots race against each other to solve a real-life science problem. In the 1999 challenge, teams built a robot with a robotic arm like the ones used on NASA space shuttles. The robots raced to save a stranded astronaut and completed other realistic space missions.

Each team has 8 weeks to build their robot. If 8 weeks sounds like a lot of time to build a robot, it isn't. Most teams had to make last-minute changes and build like crazy to get their robots ready.

You can enter the FLL 2000 Challenge! Your team's robot can compete in local, state, and regional tournaments. You get points for teamwork, problem-solving skills, creativity, and how well your robot works!

If you're ready to build, you can form a team and join the FLL. The FLL 2000 Challenge will be announced on the FLL website September 29, 2000, but here's a special hint for club members: Get ready for a big bang - the 2000 Challenge will involve a volcano!

Tim Jump, Minnesota "The FLL tournaments are like the Super Bowl or the Final Four. It's the most unbelievable thing you've seen. People are yelling and cheering for the robots. This is as much action as you'll see at any sports event."



The FLL excitement keeps growing!

If you're between 9 and 14, you can take the FLL 2000 Challenge. The U.S. now has over 1,000 teams in 36 states. Visit www.legomindstorms.com/FLL to see if there is a team in your area, or start a team of your own.

Here's how:

1. Get a team of 7 friends together and think of a team name.
2. Find a coach to help out.
3. Go to www.legomindstorms.com/FLL and register your team.
4. For more information call FIRST at 1-800-871-8326.

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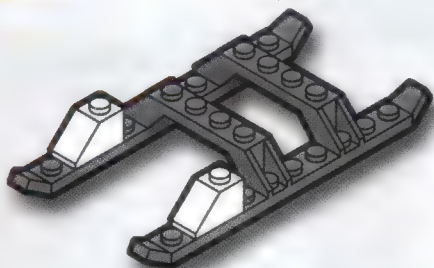


Club Member, Sam Dunn, age 8
of Washington, inspired our
model designers to build the
Arctic Research Sled.

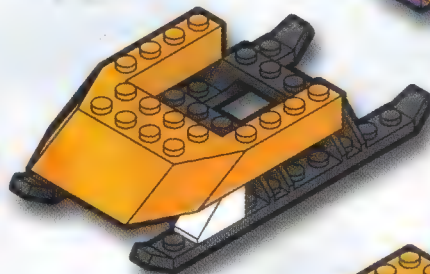


Use pieces from your own LEGO
collection or you can find all the
pieces you need to build the Arctic
Research Sled in #6569 Polar
Explorer and #6579 Ice Surfer.

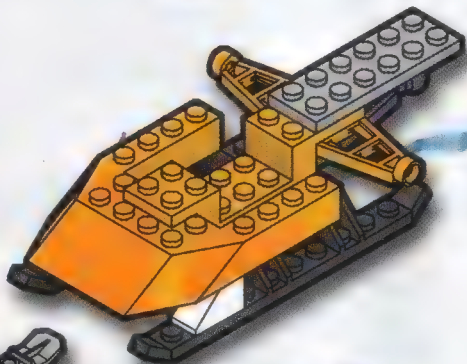
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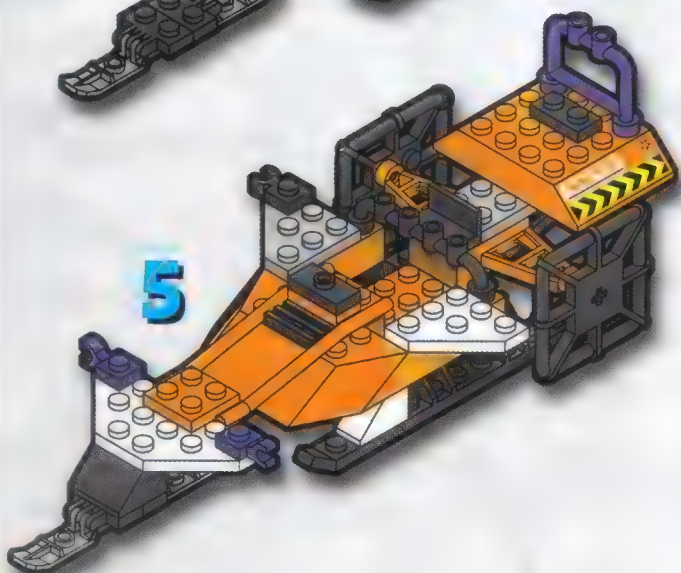
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MANIACS MORNING MUSTER

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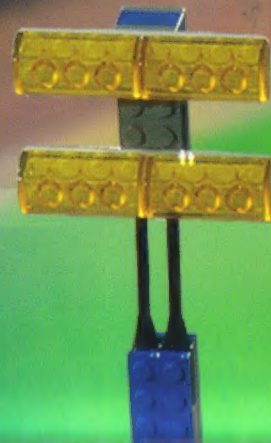
Collect'em all to build
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#3401 Shoot N' Score

#3403 Fans Grandstand
with Scoreboard



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#3411 Americas Team Bus

Includes a size 1 LEGO soccer ball
available at toy stores in August